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| Type of chronic condition  | White          |             |                   |             |                   | Black          |             |                   |             |                   |
|--|----------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
|  |                |             | 65 years and over |             |                   |                |             | 65 years and over |             |                   |
|  | Under 45 years | 45–64 years | Total             | 65–74 years | 75 years and over | Under 45 years | 45–64 years | Total             | 65–74 years | 75 years and over |
| <b>Selected skin and musculoskeletal conditions</b>                      |                |             |                   |             |                   |                |             |                   |             |                   |
| Arthritis . . . . .  | 29.2           | 234.2       | 487.2             | 443.0       | 548.0             | 32.0           | 250.2       | 573.2             | 538.6       | 641.4             |
| Gout, including gouty arthritis . . . . .                                | 2.3            | 20.2        | 21.5              | 21.2        | 21.8              | *3.2           | *38.2       | *82.7             | *99.8       | *47.9             |
| Intervertebral disc disorders . . . . .                                  | 16.0           | 49.5        | 34.5              | 34.3        | 35.0              | *5.6           | *30.7       | *8.7              | *—          | *25.7             |
| Bone spur or tendinitis, unspecified . . . . .                           | 6.4            | 28.5        | 14.8              | *12.4       | 18.1              | *2.2           | *8.4        | *13.0             | *19.6       | *—                |
| Disorders of bone or cartilage . . . . .                                 | 3.2            | 11.4        | 25.1              | 23.1        | 27.9              | *0.6           | *10.2       | *6.3              | *9.5        | *—                |
| Trouble with bunions . . . . .   | 6.2            | 23.6        | 31.4              | 26.9        | 37.6              | *4.0           | *22.4       | *20.1             | *30.3       | *—                |
| Bursitis, unclassified . . . . .   | 11.7           | 39.6        | 49.9              | 55.0        | 43.0              | *5.9           | 43.9        | *33.1             | *49.9       | *—                |
| Sebaceous skin cyst . . . . .  | 5.3            | 7.1         | *3.4              | *1.3        | *6.3              | *1.4           | *10.7       | *—                | *—          | *—                |
| Trouble with acne . . . . .  | 29.4           | 6.8         | *—                | *—          | *—                | 21.2           | *4.6        | *6.3              | *9.5        | *—                |
| Psoriasis . . . . .  | 7.5            | 17.6        | 16.7              | 18.1        | *14.8             | *1.1           | *7.5        | *—                | *—          | *—                |
| Dermatitis . . . . .   | 39.3           | 37.0        | 29.9              | 30.3        | 29.5              | 28.7           | *29.9       | *20.5             | *30.9       | *—                |
| Trouble with dry (itching) skin, unclassified . . . . .                  | 19.3           | 33.9        | 51.8              | 47.7        | 57.5              | 18.5           | *7.7        | *15.4             | *23.2       | *—                |
| Trouble with ingrown nails . . . . .                                     | 17.9           | 29.4        | 37.6              | 32.4        | 44.9              | *2.4           | *31.4       | *28.3             | *22.6       | *39.7             |
| Trouble with corns and calluses . . . . .                                | 7.8            | 26.4        | 41.7              | 27.2        | 61.7              | 11.0           | 56.9        | *67.7             | *81.9       | *39.7             |
| <b>Impairments</b>   |                |             |                   |             |                   |                |             |                   |             |                   |
| Visual impairment . . . . .  | 21.8           | 45.6        | 71.7              | 47.9        | 104.4             | 11.9           | 67.9        | 105.9             | *101.5      | *115.7            |
| Color blindness . . . . .  | 10.3           | 17.2        | 12.8              | *8.8        | 18.2              | *2.4           | *19.7       | *6.7              | *—          | *19.9             |
| Cataracts . . . . .  | *1.3           | 18.7        | 161.7             | 106.3       | 237.5             | *1.9           | *22.6       | 117.7             | *96.2       | *160.0            |
| Glaucoma . . . . .   | *1.0           | 9.8         | 47.4              | 35.2        | 64.1              | *2.3           | *26.5       | 117.7             | *108.7      | *135.5            |
| Hearing impairment . . . . .   | 36.5           | 155.1       | 292.5             | 242.1       | 361.6             | 22.7           | 71.9        | 194.9             | 166.3       | 251.2             |
| Tinnitus . . . . .   | 10.8           | 58.3        | 68.8              | 75.2        | 59.9              | 8.6            | *35.5       | *39.0             | *29.1       | *58.4             |
| Speech impairment . . . . .  | 11.1           | 7.2         | 7.7               | *7.3        | *8.2              | 14.2           | *15.7       | *7.9              | *11.9       | *—                |
| Absence of extremities (excludes tips of fingers or toes only) . . . . . | 2.8            | 9.9         | 7.5               | *11.7       | *1.9              | *2.5           | *2.5        | *5.1              | *—          | *15.2             |
| Paralysis of extremities, complete or partial . . . . .                  | 2.6            | 7.3         | 15.5              | 17.2        | *13.0             | *5.0           | *—          | *39.0             | *35.0       | *46.7             |
| Deformity or orthopedic impairment . . . . .                             | 100.4          | 179.9       | 181.3             | 169.8       | 197.1             | 82.1           | 156.4       | 128.7             | 145.5       | *95.8             |
| Back . . . . .   | 59.4           | 110.4       | 101.2             | 88.4        | 118.8             | 40.0           | 75.7        | *53.5             | *61.8       | *37.4             |
| Upper extremities . . . . .  | 12.4           | 29.5        | 30.1              | 35.4        | 22.8              | 10.0           | *19.0       | *27.6             | *24.3       | *33.9             |
| Lower extremities . . . . .  | 41.3           | 74.8        | 78.4              | 68.8        | 91.7              | 41.4           | 74.8        | *47.6             | *59.4       | *24.5             |
| <b>Selected digestive conditions</b>                                     |                |             |                   |             |                   |                |             |                   |             |                   |
| Ulcer . . . . .  | 11.8           | 26.8        | 24.7              | 28.4        | 19.6              | 9.5            | 49.1        | *28.7             | *34.4       | *16.4             |
| Hernia of abdominal cavity . . . . .                                     | 7.6            | 31.8        | 57.1              | 55.3        | 59.6              | *5.8           | *37.4       | *47.2             | *64.1       | *14.0             |
| Gastritis or duodenitis . . . . .  | 7.8            | 21.9        | 36.2              | 31.9        | 42.3              | 9.7            | *33.0       | *16.9             | *14.8       | *21.0             |
| Frequent indigestion . . . . .   | 21.9           | 42.0        | 44.6              | 45.8        | 43.0              | 12.6           | 42.9        | *29.1             | *24.9       | *37.4             |
| Enteritis or colitis . . . . .   | 6.7            | 16.4        | 16.7              | 16.2        | *17.3             | *1.9           | *19.0       | *—                | *—          | *—                |
| Spastic colon . . . . .  | 7.9            | 17.3        | 15.3              | 16.9        | *12.9             | *1.8           | *1.9        | *—                | *—          | *—                |
| Diverticula of intestines . . . . .                                      | *1.5           | 12.6        | 46.1              | 49.6        | 41.3              | *0.7           | *7.3        | *—                | *—          | *—                |
| Frequent constipation . . . . .  | 8.4            | 15.1        | 41.1              | 22.9        | 65.9              | 10.9           | *28.6       | *23.6             | *24.9       | *21.0             |

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| <b>Selected conditions of the genitourinary, nervous, endocrine, metabolic, and blood and blood-forming systems</b> |                |             |                   |             |                   |                |             |                   |             |                   |
| Goiter or other disorders of the thyroid . . . . .  | 9.4            | 29.6        | 49.0              | 49.8        | 48.0              | *3.0           | *29.9       | *16.1             | *24.3       | *—                |
| Diabetes . . . . .  | 7.1            | 55.8        | 118.6             | 121.7       | 114.2             | 8.8            | 121.4       | 218.9             | 239.9       | *177.6            |
| Anemias . . . . .   | 12.4           | 14.4        | 20.4              | *10.9       | 33.4              | 25.8           | 58.3        | *19.3             | *29.1       | *—                |
| Epilepsy . . . . .  | 4.8            | 6.0         | *6.2              | *8.4        | *3.4              | *8.4           | *12.7       | *11.0             | *8.3        | *16.4             |
| Migraine headache . . . . .   | 48.2           | 59.7        | 20.8              | 27.5        | *11.6             | 42.8           | 56.6        | *20.1             | *22.0       | *16.4             |
| Neuralgia or neuritis, unspecified . . . . .  | *0.6           | *1.8        | *5.8              | *6.8        | *4.4              | *—             | *1.0        | *14.2             | *7.1        | *28.0             |
| Kidney trouble . . . . .  | 9.5            | 15.8        | 21.5              | 24.9        | *16.9             | *6.9           | *15.5       | *23.6             | *29.7       | *12.9             |
| Bladder disorders . . . . .   | 9.7            | 20.2        | 52.0              | 41.3        | 66.8              | *6.3           | *24.7       | *22.8             | *12.5       | *43.2             |
| Diseases of prostate . . . . .  | *1.0           | 16.2        | 51.2              | 60.3        | 38.7              | *0.6           | *23.0       | *36.6             | *29.1       | *51.4             |
| Disease of female genital organs . . . . .  | 21.5           | 28.5        | 12.7              | 15.8        | *8.3              | 10.4           | *37.8       | *3.1              | *4.8        | *—                |
| <b>Selected circulatory conditions</b>  |                |             |                   |             |                   |                |             |                   |             |                   |
| Rheumatic fever with or without heart disease . . . . .   | 5.2            | 15.4        | 17.4              | 18.6        | *15.9             | *1.5           | *16.9       | *—                | *—          | *—                |
| Heart disease . . . . .   | 31.0           | 126.9       | 315.4             | 282.2       | 361.0             | 24.4           | 93.2        | 261.4             | 197.1       | 387.9             |
| Ischemic heart disease . . . . .  | 3.1            | 58.8        | 146.6             | 133.3       | 164.7             | *2.7           | *26.6       | *81.9             | *49.9       | *144.9            |
| Heart rhythm disorders . . . . .  | 22.0           | 46.6        | 99.3              | 98.4        | 100.6             | 16.2           | 41.0        | *57.5             | *52.3       | *67.8             |
| Tachycardia or rapid heart . . . . .  | 3.5            | 13.5        | 35.5              | 37.5        | 32.8              | *2.2           | *13.4       | *18.9             | *19.6       | *17.5             |
| Heart murmurs . . . . .   | 15.7           | 21.6        | 29.4              | 31.7        | 26.3              | 13.4           | *18.6       | *23.6             | *26.1       | *17.5             |
| Other and unspecified heart rhythm disorders . . . . .  | 2.8            | 11.5        | 34.4              | 29.2        | 41.5              | *0.5           | *9.2        | *15.4             | *6.5        | *32.7             |
| Other selected diseases of heart, excluding hypertension . . . . .  | 5.9            | 21.6        | 69.5              | 50.4        | 95.7              | *5.6           | *25.5       | 122.0             | *95.6       | *174.1            |
| High blood pressure (hypertension) . . . . .  | 30.1           | 207.8       | 394.7             | 381.5       | 412.8             | 46.1           | 344.7       | 533.5             | 561.8       | 477.8             |
| Cerebrovascular disease . . . . .   | *1.0           | 13.3        | 70.7              | 51.4        | 97.3              | *5.2           | *27.0       | *81.5             | *73.0       | *98.1             |
| Hardening of the arteries . . . . .   | *0.4           | 9.9         | 44.8              | 32.0        | 62.3              | *0.5           | *5.8        | *13.8             | *5.9        | *29.2             |
| Varicose veins of lower extremities . . . . .   | 15.3           | 49.5        | 85.5              | 81.4        | 91.2              | *5.8           | *24.0       | *46.9             | *51.7       | *37.4             |
| Hemorrhoids . . . . .   | 24.5           | 67.6        | 60.1              | 58.3        | 62.6              | 17.2           | *33.6       | *20.1             | *23.8       | *12.9             |
| <b>Selected respiratory conditions</b>  |                |             |                   |             |                   |                |             |                   |             |                   |
| Chronic bronchitis . . . . .  | 55.0           | 65.0        | 64.4              | 66.0        | 62.3              | 38.5           | 59.6        | *55.1             | *46.9       | *71.3             |
| Asthma . . . . .  | 61.0           | 52.5        | 37.0              | 42.1        | 30.1              | 69.0           | 60.0        | *70.1             | *83.7       | *43.2             |
| Hay fever or allergic rhinitis without asthma . . . . .   | 102.2          | 120.0       | 76.3              | 84.1        | 65.5              | 75.0           | 94.5        | *39.4             | *49.3       | *21.0             |
| Chronic sinusitis . . . . .   | 132.5          | 182.1       | 156.2             | 156.4       | 155.9             | 119.4          | 198.4       | 146.1             | 167.5       | *104.0            |
| Deviated nasal septum . . . . .   | 5.5            | 10.9        | 7.6               | *8.7        | *6.1              | *5.0           | *8.6        | *—                | *—          | *—                |
| Chronic disease of tonsils or adenoids . . . . .  | 14.8           | *3.7        | *2.0              | *3.5        | *—                | 8.5            | *8.2        | *—                | *—          | *—                |
| Emphysema . . . . .   | *0.8           | 14.5        | 35.4              | 36.8        | 33.5              | *0.7           | *2.7        | *21.7             | *24.9       | *15.2             |

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NOTE: The standard errors and relative standard errors (RSE's) can be computed by using parameter set V of table II, the frequencies of table 64 and the formula presented in rule 2 of appendix I.